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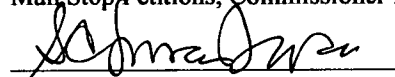
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**RESPONSE COVER**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Office Action of July 20, 2009

Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed on July 20, 2009, for the above-referenced Nonprovisional Patent Application. The Office Action communicated formal objections, rejection of all elected claims, a new ground of rejection and a Final Rejection. This response addresses the rejections.

The Applicants note with gratitude an opportunity to discuss the Office Action and explain the technological significance of the invention in a telephone interview; a summary of the interview is enclosed herewith.

This response incorporates the guidance provided by the Examiner: Many of the original composition claims are amended and reinstated, and some of the method claims presented in a previous amendment are amended and retained.